

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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WNINTEL - SECURITY BRIEFING

The Director of the CIA issued Directive No. 1/7 effective 18 May 1976, entitled "Control and Dissemination of Foreign Intelligence. "1

The purpose of the directive was to establish controls and procedures for the use and dissemination of foreign intelligence sources and methods.

WNINTEL is one of the categories addressed in this directive.

A. WNINTEL (The abbreviation for "Warning Notice - Intelligence Sources and Methods Involved) is documentation, information and materials relating to sensitive intelligence sources and methods; and, materials so marked will no be disseminated orally, in writing or by any other means; and shall be limited only to those persons whose official duties or contractual obligations require knowledge or possession (referred to as "need-to-know").

B. WNINTEL is not a security classification, but it is a control marking.

C. Persons who originate, approve or sign intelligence material on behalf of a Government Agency are responsible for dissemination to contractors within the sponsoring member agency or recipients with competent authority in an office of primary responsibility of the subject matter or a higher authority may determine WNINTEL marking(s) and assume responsibility for ensuring release to DOC/NOAA.

D. Further Responsibilities of DOC/NOAA:

1. WNINTEL material released to DOC/NOAA does not become the property of DOC/NOAA and can be withdrawn at any time. Upon completion of the contract, the releasing agency shall assure that all intelligence materials are returned to the releasing agency for final disposition, unless local destruction is authorized.

2. DOC/NOAA shall be required to maintain records permitting, on demand, the names of individuals who have had access to intelligence materials in their custody, including Confidential Material.

3. DOC/NOAA may not reproduce any material received from the Government without the express permission of the prime contractor and the agency having contractual responsibilities. All requirements for control and accountability for original documents as indicated above shall apply equally to copies made.

E. Release of Intelligence Material:

1. DOC/NOAA will not release intelligence material; (a) to any activity or individual of DOC/NOAA not directly engaged in providing services under the contract, nor (b) to another contractor (including a subcontractor), government agency, private individual or organization without the written consent of the releasing agency (which shall verify that the second contractor has a need-to-know and meets security requirements).

2. DOC/NOAA will ensure that no classified intelligence material is released or made known to foreign nations or immigrant aliens (this includes Foreign Nations and immigrant aliens possessing security clearances).

F. Use of WNINTEL as a Marking:

The control marking WNINTEL shall be displayed prominently on documents, incorporated in the test of communication messages, and associated with data stored or processed in automatic data processing systems. Unless the entire document justifies the protection of the control marking(s), each portion requiring the marking(s) shall be marked with the appropriate marking abbreviation.

1. The covers must be marked with the acronym "WNINTEL" or the words "Warning notice Intelligence Sources and Methods Involved".

2. Paragraphs shall be marked (WNINTEL) in parenthesis following the classification, i.e. (TS) (WNINTEL), (S) (WNINTEL) or (C) (WNINTEL).

3. Also, the cover must be marked to indicate the reproduction restrictions. No reproduction without written permission from the responsible Government authority.

G. All DOC personnel performing on programs that require access to foreign intelligence information will be given a security briefing regarding the proper handling of classified foreign intelligence. Further, verification and determination of an individual's access authorization will be made before access will be afforded.

H. Additional Authorized Control Markings:

In addition to the control marking, "WNINTEL", any of the following additional markings may be used on foreign intelligence whenever, in the opinion of the originating organization, extraordinary circumstances related to the intelligence source or method require more specific dissemination restrictions. Use of these markings shall be limited to foreign intelligence, the disclosure of which could:

1. Compromise the status of collaborating foreign government or officials of otherwise seriously damage US relations with foreign governments;

2. Subject US citizens or others to the possibility of personal danger or incarceration;
3. Seriously impair the continuing cooperation of private individuals providing foreign intelligence;
4. Seriously affect the continuing visibility of vital technical collection programs;
5. Result in the possible compromise or loss of some unique foreign intelligence source or method;
6. Or, provide an unfriendly country the knowledge that the US has certain intelligence information.

These control markings are individually assigned at the time of preparation of the completed document and issued in conjunction with classification and other markings required by Executive Order 12065 and, unless otherwise indicated, carried forward to any new format in which that information is incorporated, including oral and visual presentation.

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**WNINTEL BRIEFING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

My signature below indicates that I have read/been briefed and understand the Department of Commerce, Office of Security COMSEC Briefing. I am aware that any questions I have concerning the contents of this briefing should be directed to my Regional Security Officer.

I \_\_\_\_\_, certify my presence at a Security Indoctrination meeting held on the date indicated below at which time a DOC Security Representative discussed procedures for handling classified information and employee responsibility for safeguarding such.

I understand that as an employee of the DOC, and potential contractor to the Department of Defense, it is my personal responsibility to abide by Department of Defense security rules and regulations for safeguarding classified information and that I am liable if I should fail to properly comply.

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